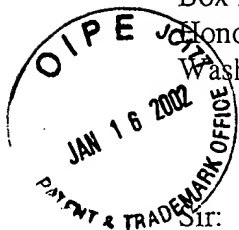


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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims benefit of commonly-owned and co-pending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/141,208, entitled "Massively Parallel Internet Computing", filed June 25, 1999, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/188,659, entitled "Massive Collective Network Processing System and Methods", filed March 10, 2000, each of which is hereby incorporated by reference. —

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 of page 34 as follows:

--As shown, controller 606 makes monetary transactions to and from several non-limiting sources to operate as a business: end users pay fees to controller 606 through transaction 614; controller 606 pays SAN 610, for storage, through transaction 616; controller 606 pays manufacturer 608 through transaction 618. Data transfers to and between users 602 and clusters 604 via several other transactions 622. Preferably,